

# HOUSE BILL No. 1317

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-1.5; IC 2-2.1-1-2.7; IC 3-3; IC 3-8.

**Synopsis:** Redistricting commission. Establishes a redistricting commission (commission) to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw general assembly districts and congressional districts. Requires the legislative services agency (agency) to provide staff and administrative services to the commission. Establishes standards to govern the commission and the agency in the creation of redistricting plans. Provides that the general assembly shall meet and enact redistricting plans before October 1 of a redistricting year. Authorizes the general assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the general assembly is currently authorized to meet. Repeals the current law establishing a redistricting commission for congressional redistricting.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1317

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A  
2 **NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,**  
3 **2019]:**

4 **ARTICLE 1.5. REDISTRICTING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
5 **AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

6 **Chapter 1. Definitions**

7 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**  
8 **article.**

9 **Sec. 2. "Agency" refers to the legislative services agency**  
10 **established by IC 2-5-1.1-7.**

11 **Sec. 3. "Appointing authority" refers to any of the following:**

- 12 (1) **The speaker of the house of representatives.**  
13 (2) **The minority leader of the house of representatives.**  
14 (3) **The president pro tempore of the senate.**  
15 (4) **The minority leader of the senate.**

16 **Sec. 4. "Bureau" refers to the United States Department of**  
17 **Commerce, Bureau of the Census.**



1       Sec. 5. "Census data" means the population data that the  
2 bureau is required to provide to the state under 13 U.S.C. 141.

3       Sec. 6. "Census year" refers to the year in which a federal  
4 decennial census is conducted.

5       Sec. 7. "Commission" refers to the redistricting commission  
6 established by IC 2-1.5-2-1.

7       Sec. 8. "Federal decennial census" refers to a federal decennial  
8 census conducted under 13 U.S.C. 141.

9       Sec. 9. "House of representatives" refers to the house of  
10 representatives of the general assembly.

11       Sec. 10. "Ideal district population" for a plan refers to the  
12 number equal to the quotient of the following, rounded to the  
13 nearest whole number:

14       (1) The numerator is the population of Indiana as reported by  
15 the most recent federal decennial census.

16       (2) The denominator is the number of districts required by  
17 this article for the plan.

18       Sec. 11. "Nominating authority" refers to any of the following:

19       (1) The chief justice of the supreme court.

20       (2) The president of Ball State University.

21       (3) The president of Indiana University.

22       (4) The president of Purdue University.

23       Sec. 12. (a) "Plan" refers to any of the following:

24       (1) A plan for districts for the house of representatives.

25       (2) A plan for districts for the senate.

26       (3) A plan for congressional districts.

27       (b) A plan includes maps and written descriptions of the maps  
28 that define all the districts that a plan is required to have under  
29 this article.

30       Sec. 13. "Political subdivision" means a city, county, town, or  
31 township.

32       Sec. 14. "Redistricting year" refers to the year immediately  
33 following a census year.

34       Sec. 15. "Senate" refers to the senate of the general assembly.

## 35       Chapter 2. Redistricting Commission

36       Sec. 1. As provided in this chapter, a redistricting commission  
37 consisting of nine (9) members is established.

38       Sec. 2. (a) Not later than January 15 of a redistricting year, four  
39 (4) members of the commission shall be selected by each of the  
40 appointing authorities:

41       (1) appointing one (1) individual to be a commission member;  
42 and



(2) certifying to the executive director of the agency the appointment of the individual to the commission.

(b) Four (4) members of the commission shall be selected as follows:

(1) Not later than January 15 of a redistricting year, a pool of twelve (12) candidates for appointment to the commission, not more than six (6) of whom may be members of the same political party, shall be established. The pool is created by each of the nominating authorities:

(A) selecting three (3) individuals as candidates for membership on the commission; and

(B) certifying the following to the executive director of the agency:

(i) The name and contact information for each of the three (3) individuals selected by that nominating authority as candidates for membership on the commission.

(ii) That each of the individuals identified in item (i) has agreed to serve if the individual is appointed as a member of the commission.

(iii) That the nominating authority believes that each of the individuals identified in item (i) will, if appointed as a member of the commission, faithfully comply with this article, including specifically IC 2-1.5-4-10(b).

(2) Not later than February 1 of a redistricting year, each of the four (4) members of the commission appointed under subsection (a) shall:

(A) appoint one (1) of the candidates from the pool established under subsection (b)(1) as a member of the commission; and

(B) certify to the executive director of the agency the appointment of the individual as a member of the commission.

(c) Not later than February 15 of a redistricting year, the members appointed under subsections (a) and (b) shall meet and appoint the commission's chair. The member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall call and preside during the meeting. The chair may be a member appointed to the commission under subsection (b)(2) or another individual chosen by the commission, but may not be a member appointed to the commission under subsection (a)(1). If the commission selects as the chair a member appointed to the commission under subsection



(b)(2), the commission shall appoint by majority vote another candidate from the pool established under subsection (b)(1) as a member of the commission. The commission shall certify to the executive director of the agency the appointment of the commission's chair and the commission member, if any, selected under this subsection.

(d) In selecting candidates for appointment under subsection (b)(1) and in making the appointments under subsections (a), (b), and (c), the nominating authorities, the appointing authorities, and the members of the commission shall seek to optimize the geographic, minority, and gender diversity of the commission.

Sec. 3. To serve on the commission, an individual must be a resident of Indiana.

Sec. 4. (a) The definitions in IC 3-5-2 apply throughout this section.

(b) An individual may not serve on the commission if the individual has been any of the following at any time less than six (6) years before the individual's appointment to the commission:

(1) A member of the general assembly or the Congress of the United States.

(2) A candidate for election to the general assembly or the Congress of the United States.

(3) The holder of a state office (as defined in IC 3-5-2-48).

(4) An appointed public official.

(5) An employee of any of the following:

(A) The general assembly.

(B) A member of the Congress of the United States from Indiana.

(C) A United States senator representing Indiana.

(6) The chairman or treasurer of a candidate's committee of a candidate for election to the general assembly or the Congress of the United States as required by IC 3-9-1 or federal law.

(7) A precinct committeeman or a precinct vice committeeman.

(8) A member of a candidate's committee.

(9) A member of a central committee.

(10) A member of a national committee.

(11) An employee or an agent of a political party or of an entity described in any of subdivisions (8) through (10).

(12) An individual who is either of the following:

(A) A paid consultant of an entity described in any of



subdivisions (8) through (11).

(B) An employee of a paid consultant of an entity described in any of subdivisions (8) through (11).

(13) An individual registered as a lobbyist under IC 2-7.

**Sec. 5. (a) Before undertaking duties as a commission member, an individual appointed under section 2 or 8 of this chapter must do each of the following:**

(1) Take an oath of office.

(2) Make an affirmation that the individual will:

(A) apply the provisions of this article in an honest and independent manner; and

(B) uphold public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process.

(3) Make a written pledge that the individual will not be a candidate for:

(A) election to the general assembly; or

(B) selection to fill a vacancy in the general assembly; at any time before the second election for members of the general assembly after the individual's appointment to the commission.

(4) Make a written pledge that the individual will not do any of the following until plans are adopted as provided in this article:

(A) Make a contribution (as defined in IC 3-5-2-15).

(B) Attend any function relating to the election of a candidate.

(C) Serve in any capacity described in section 4 of this chapter.

(b) A member's oath, affirmation, and pledge shall be filed with the agency.

**Sec. 6. An individual serves as a commission member until the earlier of the following:**

(1) The individual resigns the individual's membership on the commission.

(2) The individual is removed as a member of the commission under section 7 of this chapter.

(3) The appointment of a new commission under this chapter following a federal decennial census.

**Sec. 7. (a) A commission member may be removed from office for any of the following:**

(1) Substantial neglect of duty.

(2) Gross misconduct in office.



(3) Inability to discharge the duties of a member of the commission.

(4) Becoming a candidate in violation of section 5(a)(3) of this chapter.

(5) Taking an action in violation of section 5(a)(4) of this chapter.

(6) Ceasing to be a resident of Indiana as required by section 3 of this chapter.

(7) Being convicted of an action that would result in the removal of a public officer under IC 5-8-1-38 or IC 5-8-3-1.

(b) Whenever a person files a verified complaint in writing to remove a commission member under subsection (a), the supreme court shall, using any procedures the supreme court considers appropriate:

(1) hear the complaint not later than seven (7) days after the complaint is filed; and

(2) make a decision concerning the commission member's removal as expeditiously as possible after the hearing.

Sec. 8. (a) If a vacancy occurs on the commission of a member who was appointed under section 2(a) of this chapter, the leader of the caucus whose leader appointed the member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy:

(1) not later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs; and

(2) in the same manner described in section 2(a) of this chapter.

(b) If a vacancy occurs on the commission of a member who was appointed under section 2(b) of this chapter during a redistricting year, the commission shall:

(1) not later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs either:

(A) appoint a candidate from the pool established under section 2(b)(1) of this chapter to fill the vacancy; or

(B) if no candidate described in clause (A) meets the qualifications of this article or is available to serve, appoint an individual to fill the vacancy; and

(2) certify to the executive director of the agency the appointment of the individual to the commission.

(c) If a vacancy occurs on the commission of a member who was appointed under section 2(b) of this chapter during a year that is not a redistricting year, the commission:

(1) shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy not later



than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs; and

(2) shall certify to the executive director of the agency the appointment of the individual to the commission.

(d) If the position of commission chair becomes vacant, the commission shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy:

(1) not later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs; and

(2) in the same manner:

(A) described in section 2(c) of this chapter, if the vacancy occurs during a redistricting year; or

(B) described in subsection (c), if the vacancy occurs during a year that is not a redistricting year.

Sec. 9. The affirmative vote of seven (7) commission members is necessary for the commission to take official action.

Sec. 10. Each commission member is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study committees established by the legislative council.

Sec. 11. (a) The agency shall provide the commission with staff and administrative services.

(b) The expenses of the commission shall be paid out of amounts appropriated to the legislative council (created under IC 2-5-1.1-1) and the agency, including the costs of litigation (if any).

Sec. 12. (a) The definitions in IC 3-5-2 apply throughout this section.

(b) A commission member who has communicated, directly or indirectly, regarding redistricting with any of the following other than during a public meeting of the commission shall take the action described in subsection (c):

(1) A member of the Congress of the United States.

(2) A member of the general assembly.

(3) An individual who holds any other public office.

(4) An individual who has held a public office described in subdivisions (1) through (3).

(5) A candidate for a public office described in subdivisions (1) through (3).

(6) An individual otherwise described in section 4 of this chapter, other than an employee of the agency acting within the scope of the employee's responsibilities under section 11 of this chapter.

(c) If a commission member communicates regarding redistricting with an individual described in subsection (b), the





commission member shall do the following:

(1) If the communication is written or electronic material, the commission member shall instruct the written or electronic material to be placed in the commission's public records not later than five (5) days after the commission member reads the written or electronic material.

(2) If the communication is other than written or electronic material, the commission member shall place a verified written description of the communication in the commission's public records not later than five (5) days after the communication occurs. The verified written description must include the following information:

(A) The name of the individual with whom the communication occurred.

(B) The date and approximate time of the communication.

(C) A description of the nature and substance of the communication.

(d) A commission member who fails to comply with this section commits gross misconduct in office and is subject to removal from the commission under section 7 of this chapter.

### Chapter 3. Redistricting Procedure

Sec. 1. (a) Before January 1 of a redistricting year, the agency shall acquire any hardware, software, and supplies necessary to assist the commission in the performance of the commission's duties under this article.

(b) At any time, the agency may acquire additional hardware, software, and supplies the executive director of the agency considers necessary to assist the commission in performance of the commission's duties under this article.

Sec. 2. (a) Not later than March 15 of a redistricting year, the commission's chair shall convene the commission to do the following:

(1) Organize the commission.

(2) Receive reports from the agency concerning the following:

(A) Information relating to the receipt of census data from the bureau.

(B) The readiness of the agency to assist the commission's work.

(C) Any other matter on which a report is requested by the commission.

(3) Provide initial instructions to the agency regarding the commission's work.



(4) Schedule hearings required or permitted under section 5 of this chapter.

(5) Schedule other meetings the commission considers necessary.

(6) Schedule the receipt of maps from the public.

(b) IC 5-14-1.5 (the open door law) applies to the commission's meetings.

(c) Records of the commission shall be available for inspection and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3.

Sec. 3. If the agency must make a decision on a question for which no clearly applicable provision of this article or instruction of the commission provides an answer, the executive director of the agency shall submit a written request to the commission for direction.

Sec. 4. (a) The agency shall do the following:

(1) Create maps of legislative district plans and congressional district plans that conform to this article and the commission's instructions.

(2) Prepare written descriptions of the maps created under subdivision (1).

(3) Evaluate maps submitted by the public for conformance with the standards set forth in IC 2-1.5-4.

(b) The agency shall produce as many different plans as the commission instructs:

(1) not earlier than May 1 of a redistricting year; and

(2) not later than May 15 of the redistricting year.

(c) The agency shall publish the maps and descriptions:

(1) prepared for the commission by the agency; and

(2) submitted to the commission from the public;

as directed by the commission not later than May 15 of a redistricting year.

Sec. 5. (a) As directed by the commission, the agency shall receive for the commission written public comments regarding the plans after publication of the plans.

(b) The commission shall provide for at least one (1) public hearing in each Indiana congressional district, and an additional meeting in Marion County, as determined by the commission. At least two (2) commission members shall be present at each public hearing, and a commission member shall preside and conduct the hearing. The hearings shall be held not later than June 30 of a redistricting year, and shall be recorded and made available live and archived for public viewing on the Internet.



1 (c) The commission may hold hearings in addition to the  
2 hearings required by subsection (b).

3 (d) The commission shall do the following at any hearings held  
4 under this section:

5 (1) Explain the redistricting procedure.

6 (2) Present the plans prepared for the commission by the  
7 agency.

8 (3) Have available the plans submitted by the public and the  
9 agency's evaluation of those plans.

10 (4) Hear public comments and suggestions.

11 (e) The commission may take other actions the commission  
12 considers appropriate to do the following:

13 (1) Explain the redistricting procedure or the plans to the  
14 public.

15 (2) Receive public comments and suggestions.

16 (f) The commission may modify, with or without additional  
17 public hearings under this section, the maps published under  
18 section 4 of this chapter to:

19 (1) incorporate any public comments and suggestions adopted  
20 by the commission; or

21 (2) comply with the federal Voting Rights Act in accordance  
22 with IC 2-1.5-4-10(c).

23 The commission shall adopt any modifications made under this  
24 subsection in a public meeting.

25 (g) The commission shall give public notice of a meeting held  
26 under this section not later than ten (10) days before the date of the  
27 meeting.

28 Sec. 6. (a) Not later than August 1 of a redistricting year, the  
29 commission shall meet to adopt a report to the general assembly.  
30 The report must include the following:

31 (1) A summary of the commission's and the agency's  
32 preparation for the commission's work.

33 (2) A description of the hearings held under section 5 of this  
34 chapter.

35 (3) A summary of the public comments and suggestions  
36 received in writing and at the hearings.

37 (4) The commission's recommendation to the general  
38 assembly for each of the following:

39 (A) A district plan for the house of representatives.

40 (B) A district plan for the senate.

41 (C) A congressional district plan.

42 (5) Maps for each plan, including both a statewide map and a



map for each district.

(6) A bill that would enact each of the plans.

(b) The commission shall recommend to the general assembly the plan the commission considers the best in meeting the standards set forth in IC 2-1.5-4.

(c) The commission may include any other information in the report the commission considers useful to explain the commission's work or recommendations.

(d) The report required by this section must be submitted to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 7. (a) If, for any reason, an appointing authority, a nominating authority, the agency, the commission, or the general assembly is unable to complete a duty required under this article or IC 2-2.1-1-2.7 before the deadline specified by law, the appointing authority, nominating authority, agency, commission, or general assembly, as applicable, shall expedite completion of the requirement as soon as practicable after the deadline.

(b) If a court invalidates a plan after October 1 of a redistricting year, the commission and the general assembly shall take all necessary action to expedite the adoption of a plan to replace the invalidated plan.

#### Chapter 4. Redistricting Standards

Sec. 1. Districts created for the house of representatives, the senate, and the United States House of Representatives must comply with the standards of this chapter.

Sec. 2. (a) A plan for house of representatives districts must provide for one hundred (100) districts.

(b) A plan for senate districts must provide for fifty (50) districts.

(c) A plan for congressional districts must provide for as many districts as are allocated to Indiana under 2 U.S.C. 2a.

Sec. 3. Districts must be established on the basis of population.

Sec. 4. The population of a district of the house of representatives or the senate may not deviate from the ideal district population by more than two percent (2%) of the ideal district population.

Sec. 5. (a) Districts must be composed of contiguous territory.

(b) Areas that meet only at the point of adjoining corners are not considered contiguous.

Sec. 6. Districts must be as compact as possible to the extent practicable while considering other provisions of this chapter and the federal Voting Rights Act.



1       **Sec. 7. Districts must not breach precinct boundaries.**

2       **Sec. 8. To the extent possible consistent with sections 2 through**  
 3 **6 of this chapter, district boundaries of general assembly districts**  
 4 **must coincide with the boundaries of Indiana political subdivisions**  
 5 **as follows:**

6           **(1) The commission shall minimize the number of counties**  
 7 **and cities divided among more than one (1) district.**

8           **(2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), if there is a choice**  
 9 **between political subdivisions to be divided, a more populous**  
 10 **political subdivision shall be divided before a less populous**  
 11 **political subdivision is divided.**

12           **(3) Subdivision (2) does not apply to a legislative district**  
 13 **boundary drawn along a county line that passes through a**  
 14 **municipality that lies in more than one (1) county.**

15       **Sec. 9. A plan for senate districts may not include a senate**  
 16 **district in which is included the residence address of two (2) or**  
 17 **more senators, one (1) or more of whose term of office expires at**  
 18 **the second general election held after the redistricting year.**

19       **Sec. 10. (a) In evaluating plans for recommendation, the**  
 20 **commission shall consider the effect that a plan has on language**  
 21 **minority groups and racial minority groups as required by the**  
 22 **federal Voting Rights Act.**

23           **(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the commission and the**  
 24 **agency may not receive or consider:**

25           **(1) past election results; or**

26           **(2) the addresses of incumbent legislators or members of the**  
 27 **Congress of the United States;**

28 **in preparing proposed maps of legislative district plans and**  
 29 **congressional district plans.**

30           **(c) After the maps have been published under IC 2-1.5-3-4, the**  
 31 **agency shall review past election results and the addresses of**  
 32 **incumbent senators to evaluate the proposed maps for compliance**  
 33 **with the federal Voting Rights Act and section 9 of this chapter,**  
 34 **and if necessary, shall recommend to the commission one (1) or**  
 35 **more modifications to the maps to bring the maps into compliance**  
 36 **with the federal Voting Rights Act and section 9 of this chapter.**  
 37 **The modifications recommended under this subsection may include**  
 38 **population deviations greater than those imposed under section 4**  
 39 **of this chapter. However, the population deviations may not exceed**  
 40 **ten percent (10%).**

41       **SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**  
 42 **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**



1, 2019]: Sec. 2.7. (a) The definitions in IC 2-1.5-1 apply throughout this section.

(b) Before October 1 of a redistricting year, the general assembly shall convene and enact bills to establish the following:

- (1) House of representatives districts.
- (2) Senate districts.
- (3) Congressional districts.

(c) A bill to enact a redistricting plan recommended by the redistricting commission under IC 2-1.5-3 must be introduced in, considered by, and voted on by each house of the general assembly, without amendment, except amendments of a technical nature.

(d) If the general assembly does not enact the redistricting plan recommended by the redistricting commission under IC 2-1.5-3, the general assembly shall provide, not later than two (2) days after the general assembly fails to enact the recommended plan, written comments to the redistricting commission concerning the reason or reasons why the recommended plan was not enacted.

(e) Not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the general assembly's comments under subsection (d), the redistricting commission shall recommend to the general assembly a second redistricting plan. The second redistricting plan recommended by the redistricting commission must be introduced in, considered by, and voted on by each house of the general assembly, without amendment, except amendments of a technical nature.

(f) Unless the general assembly has enacted bills described in subsection (b) at:

- (1) a session convened under another section of this chapter;
- or
- (2) a special session called by the governor;

the general assembly may not consider a matter that is not relevant to the legislation described in subsection (b) during a session convened under this section.

SECTION 3. IC 3-3-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]. (Redistricting Commission).

SECTION 4. IC 3-3-5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.215-2011, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. Beginning November 6, 2012, the 2001 Congressional District Plan:

- (1) adopted by the redistricting commission under IC 3-3-2 (before its repeal); and
- (2) published in the governor's executive order 01-11 in the Indiana Register at 24 IR 3293-3298;



1 is void.

2 SECTION 5. IC 3-8-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,  
3 SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) A declaration of candidacy for the office of  
5 United States Senator or for the office of governor must be  
6 accompanied by a petition signed by at least four thousand five  
7 hundred (4,500) voters of the state, including at least five hundred  
8 (500) voters from each congressional district.

9 (b) Each petition must contain the following:

10 (1) The signature of each petitioner.

11 (2) The name of each petitioner legibly printed.

12 (3) The residence address of each petitioner as set forth on the  
13 petitioner's voter registration record.

14 (c) Except as provided in this subsection, the signature, printed  
15 name, and residence address of the petitioner must be made in writing  
16 by the petitioner. If a petitioner with a disability is unable to write this  
17 information on the petition, the petitioner may authorize an individual  
18 to do so on the petitioner's behalf. The individual acting under this  
19 subsection shall execute an affidavit of assistance for each such  
20 petitioner, in a form prescribed by the election division. The form must  
21 set forth the name and address of the individual providing assistance,  
22 and the date the individual provided the assistance. The form must be  
23 submitted with the petition.

24 (d) This subsection applies to a petition filed during the period:

25 (1) beginning on the date that a congressional district plan has  
26 been adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**; and

27 (2) ending on the date that ~~the part of the act or order issued under~~  
28 ~~IC 3-3-2 establishing~~ the previous congressional district plan is  
29 repealed or superseded.

30 The petition must be signed by at least four thousand five hundred  
31 (4,500) voters of Indiana, including at least five hundred (500) voters  
32 from each congressional district created by the most recent  
33 congressional district plan adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**.

34 SECTION 6. IC 3-8-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,  
35 SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) A request filed under section 1 of this  
37 chapter must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least four  
38 thousand five hundred (4,500) voters of the state, including at least five  
39 hundred (500) voters from each congressional district.

40 (b) Each petition must contain the following:

41 (1) The signature of each petitioner.

42 (2) The name of each petitioner legibly printed.



(3) The residence address of each petitioner as set forth on the petitioner's voter registration record.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection, the signature, printed name, and residence address of the petitioner must be made in writing by the petitioner. If a petitioner with a disability is unable to write this information on the petition, the petitioner may authorize an individual to do so on the petitioner's behalf. The individual acting under this subsection shall execute an affidavit of assistance for each such petitioner, in a form prescribed by the election division. The form must set forth the name and address of the individual providing assistance, and the date the individual provided the assistance. The form must be submitted with the petition.

(d) This subsection applies to a petition filed during the period:

(1) beginning on the date that a congressional district plan has been adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**; and

(2) ending on the date that ~~the part of the act or order issued under IC 3-3-2 establishing~~ the previous congressional district plan is repealed or superseded.

The petition must be signed by at least four thousand five hundred (4,500) voters of Indiana, including at least five hundred (500) voters from each congressional district created by the most recent congressional district plan adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**.

